

I don't think many engineers are motivated by money. They're motivated by having an impact."

Chuck was a gentle person with a self-deprecating sense of humor and was unrelentingly generous. With his wife Nan, they donated millions to non-profits and universities. He was a fair-minded boss and with Dr. Warnock, employed the "golden rule" in the treatment of employees. He was a man of great faith and a model for corporate leaders to emulate.

He received numerous well-deserved awards, including the National Medal of Technology and Innovation Award in 2009, with Dr. Warnock, and served on many foundation boards. He was proud of what he created in business, but his family was his greatest treasure.

I had the privilege of knowing Chuck for decades and shared an enduring friendship with him. I sought his wise counsel and practical advice, always learning from him and appreciating his depth of knowledge and integrity.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in extending our condolences to Chuck Geschke's wife Nan, his sons Peter and John, his daughter Kathy Orcioli, and his seven beloved grandchildren. We are a better, stronger nation because of this great and good man.

IN HONOR OF MAYOR JEFF
WILLIAMS

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2021

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a friend and the retiring Mayor of Arlington, Texas. Warren Jeff Williams is a dedicated public servant and an advocate for Arlington. His leadership will be missed but I know he will continue to be an active member of our community.

Jeff grew up in Sherman, Texas but often visited relatives in Arlington and attended Texas Rangers games as a child.

His father and grandfather worked in the construction business but Jeff had a plan to go to law school until he got to Texas Tech University where he became interested in engineering and ultimately received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering in 1981. Texas Tech is also where Jeff met his wife, Karen, a photography student.

Jeff and Karen, now have 3 adult children, Natalie, Suzanne, and Ryan, and 7 grandchildren, all under the age of 6. They moved to Arlington in 1984, and their children grew up attending Arlington public schools.

Jeff is the President and CEO of Graham Associates, a civil engineering and surveying firm based in Arlington. He has been the Civil Engineer on many landmark projects including AT&T Stadium, Globe Life Park, Parks Mall, IH-30 Three Bridges, and River Legacy Living Science Center. Jeff has been recognized as a Distinguished Engineer by his alma mater and is a member of the Civil Engineering Honor Fraternity at both Texas Tech and the University of Texas at Arlington.

In addition to his success as an engineer, Jeff is also dedicated to serving his community. He has served on the boards of the Ar-

lington Chamber of Commerce, the Cotton Bowl Association, the Arlington Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Arlington YMCA, River Legacy Foundation, and Project Restore Hope Foundation; as a co-chair of the Salvation Army annual luncheon; as a committee chairman and Sunday School teacher at First Baptist Church Arlington; and as chairman of the 2014 Arlington school district bond committee.

Jeff is completing his final term as Mayor of Arlington in June 2021, drawing to a close a remarkable tenure of civic service that has spanned six years, between 2015 and 2021; and Mayor Williams came into office with a message that it was time for change and, during his tenure, played a vital role, championing municipal projects such as the Abram Street rebuild, a new Downtown Library and City Center, and two new recreation centers (the East Arlington Branch Library and The Beacon); downtown development including Urban Union, East Main, and the Levitt Pavilion expansion; and innovation including on-demand transit, high speed solutions, and an Envision Center.

He supported important economic projects including redeveloping the old Six Flags Mall into the Arlington Logistics Center; opening Summit Racing, Rent the Runway, a UPS regional hub, and Nanoscope Technologies in Arlington; and relocating the national headquarters of DR Horton, Texas Health Resources, and Six Flags Hurricane Harbor to Arlington.

And, over the past six years, the entertainment district exploded. Texas Live, Live by Loews, and the new Globe Life Field opened to the public. Globe Life Park was repurposed. The National Medal of Honor Museum chose Arlington to be its future home. Mayor Williams helped to safely bring the World Series, Professional Bull Riders World Finals, and National Finals Rodeo to town during the pandemic.

He worked to establish a Unity Council to study equity and equality in our community and Unite Arlington Weekends to serve those in need.

Mayor Williams's efforts have not gone unnoticed across our nation. He was selected by the U.S. Conference of Mayors to serve as the Chairman of the prestigious U.S. Metro Economies committee for his incredible results and experience in economic development. He was also selected as 1 of 20 Mayors to participate in the Harvard Bloomberg Leadership program as well as the Yale School of Management for CEO's and Mayors. Mayor Williams worked tirelessly to seek pandemic relief funding on a national scale.

Mayor Williams's adept and forward-looking leadership has helped guide Arlington through a transformative period in its history, and his many valuable contributions will continue to resonate in the years to come.

Jeff has a gift of empowering citizens, fostering partnerships, and encouraging us to all Dream Big.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mayor Jeff Williams and extending our best wishes to him for continued success in his future endeavors. He has given his time and talents to Arlington, which is a better place because of his service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB GIBBS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2021

Mr. GIBBS. Madam Speaker, I was unable to attend votes in Washington, D.C. due to a health issue which prevented me from traveling from my home district. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 123; NAY on Roll Call No. 124; YEA on Roll Call No. 125; YEA on Roll Call No. 126; NAY on Roll Call No. 127; YEA on Roll Call No. 128; NAY on Roll Call No. 129; YEA on Roll Call No. 130; YEA on Roll Call No. 131; and NAY on Roll Call No. 133.

HONORING THE HEUVELTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of the brave first responders of the Heuvelton Volunteer Fire Department as they celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding. From the beginning, this fire department has shown tremendous dedication to protecting and serving the village of Heuvelton and surrounding municipalities in St. Lawrence County.

First established on April 17, 1921, the Heuvelton Volunteer Fire Department has grown from its original membership of 26 volunteers to a network of local firefighters, emergency medical technicians, divers, and fire police capable of responding to any emergency. Under the direction of its inaugural chief, Claude H. Preston, the fire brigade once rushed to fires with a hand-drawn cart and buckets at the sounding of the church bells at St. Raphael's Catholic Church. Now, since the installation of the town's first fire siren in 1932, a test siren can be heard every day at noon, except Sundays, as it has for the past 90 years. The Department today can service any emergency call in the Heuvelton area and often aids neighboring departments.

Despite its humble beginnings and starting with one "modern" Sanford fire engine, the department now has a fleet of engines and emergency vehicles and a dedicated team equipped with modern medical technologies. Currently, the Sanford engine is still in use after undergoing multiple restorations and can frequently be seen in local parades. In an expansion of additional services still provided today, Heuvelton and Ogdensburg firefighters partnered together to create a joint "First Responders" program in 1989, intending to be first on the scene, even prior to the Rescue Squad's arrival. Volunteers of the Heuvelton crew faithfully assist in the time of need and display the compassionate spirit and lending hand that is customary in the North Country.

Members of the Heuvelton Volunteer Fire Department serve as extraordinary examples of those who sacrifice for the good of the community. Throughout the strain of the current pandemic, they continue to put out fires and to